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COMPENDIUM
OF THE
Principles of Religion,
DOCTRINAL and PRACTICAL;

In a short View of the LAW and GOSPEL;

With some OBSERVATIONS on both.

The whole illustrated with particular Portions
of Scripture adapted to each *Head*; in a Me-
thod entirely *New, Easy, and Comprehensive.*

Designed chiefly

For the *Instruction and Establishment of Youth.*

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O how love I thy Law! it is my Meditation all the Day. Ps. cxix. 97.

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YOU will sometimes find several Scriptures under one Letter of Reference, but observe, they are all designed to prove the Truth asserted under the Head to which the Letter refers, so that the Asterisks (*) and Obelisks (†) are only design'd to direct the Eye the more readily to the beginning of the several particular Texts in the same Proof: As for Instance, at the beginning of the View of the Law, under the Letter *d* there are three several Texts from *Exodus*, *Deuteronomy*, and *Isaiab*, but all design'd to prove that we are to believe in one God only; and so of the rest.



TO THE READER.



THE Design of the following Pages is to give a general and comprehensive View of our holy Religion in it's chief doctrinal and practical Principles, in a plain scriptural Way. My Method would not suffer me to offer any Thing in the Form of an Argument, I have therefore only asserted such Truths as appeared to me of the greatest Importance, and plainly revealed in the Word of God; to which in every Sentence I therefore appeal, as the only infallible Rule in all Matters of Faith and Practice.

I very well know that every Text I have quoted (nay every one I can quote) may be, by Art or Violence, explain'd away, and press'd to serve a contrary Scheme; but as to any Thing of that Kind I am quite easy, having no Design of entering into a formal Controversy with any Man.

My main Design is to assist Parents in the Instruction of their Families, and to furnish the serious Youth, and other beginners in Religion, with such Materials as might not only help their Enquiries into divine Things, but enable them to judge of Truth and Falshood the more readily and safely, and so render the reading and hearing of the Word more profitable to them, preserve them from that Unsteadiness and Vanity of Mind which too much prevails among the Professors of this Day, and direct their Practice in the Duties of Piety and Morality. And thus what I have written may be used either as an Introduction or an Appendix to the Assemblies Catechism, just as the Teacher finds most convenient.

As to the Method of learning it, I should think it were best that the View of the Law and the Gospel be got by Heart first, and after that the Observations, all without meddling with the Scriptures; then let the whole be gone over again with the Scriptures, but without Regard to Chapter and Verse the first Time.

That my Endeavours may be attended with the divine blessing I hope will be your Prayer, Reader, as well as mine, who am

your well wisher,

Rumsey in Hants.

JAMES FANCH.

A short VIEW of the LAW.

The LAW is either *moral* or *positive*,

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| <p>I. The <i>moral Law</i> is the Will of God revealed as an eternal Rule of Righteousness to all Men.</p> <p>II. The <i>moral Law</i> teacheth us our <i>Duty</i> towards God, and towards <i>Man</i>.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">I. Our Duty towards God, is</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. To believe in one God only, as he reveals himself in his Works and Word.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2. To pay divine Worship to one God only.</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">1. In Simplicity, without Images,</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">2. In Sincerity and Purity,</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">3. In Fervency of Affection,</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">4. In Faith of his Acceptance.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3. To treat his <i>Name</i> at all Times, as <i>holy</i> <i>dreadful</i>, <i>glorious</i>, and <i>delightful</i>.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">4. To devote one Day in seven particularly to his Worship,</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">1. In Adoration of his Being,</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">2. Prayer for his Assistance,</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">3. Praise for his Perfections,</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">4. Attention to his Word.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">5. And to redeem some Time daily besides for his Worship.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">II. Our Duty towards <i>Man</i>, is</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. To <i>honour</i> our Superiors,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2. To be <i>kind</i> to our Inferiors,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3. To preserve <i>Chastity</i> in <i>Thought</i>, <i>Word</i>, and <i>Deed</i>,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">4. To be tender of the <i>Life</i>, <i>Property</i>, and Reputation of all,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">5. To envy none, but be content in our Condition.</p> | <p>a Rom i 19</p> <p>b Rom ii 6-15</p> <p>c Micah vi 8</p> <p>d Exod xx 3</p> <p>* Deut vi 4</p> <p>† Isa xlv 21</p> <p>e Mat iv 10</p> <p>f Ex xx 4 5</p> <p>g John iv 24</p> <p>h Rom xii 11</p> <p>i Heb xi 6</p> <p>k Ex xx 7</p> <p>* Deut xxviii 58 59</p> <p>l Exod xx 8 9</p> <p>m Psal xcv 6</p> <p>n Psal xviii 3</p> <p>o Psal c 4 5</p> <p>p Deut iv 1</p> <p>* Rev ii 7</p> <p>q Psal lv 17</p> <p>r Exod xx 12</p> <p>* Rom xiii 1</p> <p>s Col iii 12 13</p> <p>t Exod xx 14</p> <p>u Mat v 28</p> <p>w Eph v 3 4</p> <p>x Exod xx 13</p> <p>y Exod xx 15</p> <p>z Exod xx 16</p> <p>a 1 Peter ii 1</p> <p>b Heb xiii 5</p> |
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- a* — Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath shewed it unto them.
- b* Who will render unto every Man according to his Deeds. — The Law written in their Hearts, their Conscience also bearing Witness.
- c* The Lord requires of thee to do justly, to love Mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God,
- d* Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.
- * The Lord our God is one Lord.
- † And there is no God besides me, a just God and a Saviour.
- e* Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- f* Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven Image — Thou shalt not bow down to them nor serve them —
- g* God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in Truth.
- h* Fervent in Spirit serving the Lord
- i* He that cometh unto God must believe that he is, and that he is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- k* Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in Vain —
- * If thou wilt not observe — that thou may'st fear this glorious and fearful Name, **THE LORD THY GOD**, the Lord will make thy Plagues wonderful.
- l* Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy —
- m* O come and let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- n* I will call upon the Lord, so shall I be saved from mine Enemies.
- o* Be thankful unto him and bless his Name — For the Lord is good, his Mercy is everlasting, and his Truth endureth to all Generations.
- p* Hearken O Israel unto the Statutes, and unto the Judgments which I shall teach you for to do them.
- * He that hath an Ear to hear let him hear.
- q* Evening and Morning and at Noon will I pray, and cry aloud, and he shall hear my Voice.
- r* Honour thy Father and thy Mother —
- * Let every Soul be subject to the higher Powers.
- s* Put on therefore (as the Elect of God holy and beloved) Bowels of Mercies, Kindness, Humbleness of Mind —
- t* Thou shalt not commit Adultery.
- u* Whosoever looketh on a Woman, to lust after her, hath committed Adultery with her already in his Heart.
- w* But Fornication and all Uncleanness let it not be once named — Neither Filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting which are not convenient.
- x* Thou shalt not kill.
- y* Thou shalt not steal.
- z* Thou shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour.
- a* Laying aside all envies —
- b* Be content with such Things as you have.

I. The *positive Law* is the Will of God revealed for the Rule of Duty, as to particular Times, Places, and Circumstances only. *a* *Heb viii 13*
* *2 Cor iii 14*

II. The *positive Law* may be considered as *before* or *since* the coming of Christ in the Flesh. *b* *Gal iii 23*

III. The *positive Law* before the coming of Christ consisted in divers Sacrifices and Ceremonies, *c* *Heb ix 1*
signifying, * *Heb x 1*

1. That God was to be worshiped in the Mediator Christ, as promised to come. *d* *Heb xi 4*
* *Gal iii 24*

2. That Men were universally guilty and polluted by Sin. *e* *Heb xi 13*
e *Heb ix 18*

3. That God was greatly displeased on the Account of Sin. *f* *Rom i 18*
* *Heb ix 22*

4. That God was gracious and merciful in Christ the Mediator. *g* *Ex xxxiv 5*

5. That as the Sacrifice and Grace of Christ was necessary, *h* so it was sufficient for the Pardon, *† 2 Cor v 19*

Holiness, & eternal Life of all penitent Believers. *i* *Heb ix 16*

* *Heb x 10*

IV. The *positive Law*, since the coming of Christ, consisteth in these Ordinances following, viz. *† Acts xv 11*

1. *Baptism*, in Token of our Subjection to Christ. *k* *Gal iii 27*

2. The *Lord's Supper*, in Token of our spiritual Union with Christ. *l* *1 John vi 56*

3. The gathering and governing of particular Churches under the Authority of Christ, *m* by *m* *Eph i 22*

Teachers, Pastors, Deacons. *n* * *Eph ii 20*

* *Phil i 1*

N. B. 1. By the coming of Christ in the Flesh, all typical References to him under the Law were abolished. *o* *Col ii 14 17*

2. What Ordinances he hath since appointed are to continue to the End of the World, with his Presence and Blessing. *p* *1 Cor xi 26*
* *Mat xxviii 19 20*

3. No Authority, but that of Christ, can bind any Man's Conscience in Matters of Religion. *q* *Rom xiv 4*
* *Acts x 46*

- a In that he saith a new Covenant, he hath made the first old.
- * — Which Veil is done away in Christ.
- b But before Faith came, we were under the Law,
- c Then, verily, the first Covenant had Ordinances of divine Service, and a worldly Sanctuary
- * For the Law having a Shadow of good Things to come—
- d By Faith, Abel offer'd a more excellent Sacrifice.
- * These all died in Faith, not having received the Promises.
- † The Law was our Schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ.
- e — Neither the first Testament was dedicated without Blood.
- f For the Wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all Ungodliness, and Unrighteousness of Men.
- * And without shedding of Blood there is no Remission.
- g The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering—
- † God was in Christ reconciling the World to himself.
- h For where a Testament is, there must also of Necessity be the Death of the Testator.
- i To him give all the Prophets Witness, that through his Name whosoever believeth in him shall receive Remission of Sins
- * By the which Will we are sanctified, through the offering up the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- † Through the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved even as they.
- k For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.
- l He that eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, dwelleth in me and I in him.
- m And gave him to be the Head over all Things to the Church,
- * And are built upon the Foundations of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Corner-Stone.
- n And he gave some— Pastors and Teachers for the perfecting of the Saints for the Work of the Ministry.
- * To all the Saints—which are at Philippi, with the Bishops and Deacons.
- o Blotting out the Hand writing of Ordinances, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the Way, nailing it to his Cross. — Which are a Shadow of Things to come, but the Body is of Christ.
- p For as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do shew forth the Lord's Death until he come.
- * Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptizing them—Teaching them to observe all Things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway to the End of the World.
- q Who art thou that judgest another Man's Servant? to his own Master he standeth or falleth.
- * — Jesus Christ he is Lord of all.

- I. The *moral Law* is summ'd up in ten Commandments in the old Testament. *a* *a Ex xx 1-17*
- II. The *moral Law* is summ'd up in two Commandments in the new Testament. *b* *b Mat xxii 37*
- III. The *moral Law* was given to Man as a Covenant of Life, thro' perfect Obedience. *c* *c Gal iii 12*
- IV. Upon Adam's Disobedience, it pronounced Death upon him and his Posterity. *d* ** Mat xix 17
d Gen ii 17*
- V. From the Law's Sentence of Death we cannot be freed, but by Christ the Redeemer. *e* ** Rom v 12
e Gal iii 13*
- VI. No Works done by us at any Time in this World, can be perfectly Good in the Eye of the Law. *f* ** Acts iv 12
f Rom iii 9-19*
- VII. But the Works done by Christ, in the Room and Stead of Sinners, were perfectly Good in the Eye of the Law. *g* *g 1 Pet iii 18
* Mat iii 17*
- VIII. Therefore we can have no Right to Life by our Works, but by the Obedience of Christ only. *h* *† Heb vii 26
h Rom iii 20
* Rom v 19*
- IX. The proper Use of the Law, is *i* *i Psal xix 8
* 1 Cor ix 21*
1. To shew us our Duty. *i*
 2. To convince us of Sin. *k* *k Rom iii 20*
 3. To condemn us for it. *l* *l Gal iii 10*
- X. The Gospel does not make void the Law, *m* *m Rom iii 31*
but enforces our Obedience to it. *n* *n Tit ii 11-12*
1. To manifest our Gratitude to Christ for our Redemption. *o* *o 1 Pet i 17*
 2. To silence the Cavils of ungodly Men. *p* *p 1 Pet ii 15*
 3. To promote the Glory of God, *q* and the Good of the World. *r* *q Mat v 16
r Tit iii 8-14
s Tit ii 14*
- XI. The Gospel calls those Works Good, *s* which are done *t* *t Eph ii 10*
1. By the Grace of Regeneration. *t* *u Heb xi 6
* Heb ix 14*
 2. By Faith in Christ's Mediation. *u* *w Rom viii 26*
 3. By the Assistance of the Holy Spirit. *w* ** Philip ii 13*
 4. Out of Regard to the divine Authority. *x* *x John xv 14*
 5. From the Motives of the Gospel. *y* *y 2 Cor vii 1*
 6. With a View to the Glory of God. *z* *z 1 Cor x 31*

b Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart. and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind: this is the first and great Commandment — And the second is like, unto it, Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thyself, — On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

c And the Law is not of Faith, but the Man that doth them shall live by them.

* If thou wilt enter into Life, keep the Commandments

d But of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the Day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

* Wherefore as by one Man Sin enter'd into the World, and Death by Sin; and so Death passed upon all Men, for that all have sinned.

e Christ hath redeemed us from the Curse of the Law being made a Curse for us.

* Neither is there Salvation in any other.

f — That they are all under Sin. — All the World is become guilty.

g He suffered, the Just for the Unjust.

* This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

† Holy, harmless, and undefiled, separate from Sinners.

h By the Deeds of the Law there shall no Flesh be justified.

* By the Obedience of one shall many be made Righteous.

i The Commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the Eyes.

* Being not without Law to God, but under the Law to Christ.

k By the Law is the Knowledge of Sin.

l Cursed is every one that continueth not in all Things written in the Book of the Law to do them.

m Do we then make void the Law through Faith? God forbid: yea we establish the Law.

n The Grace of God — hath appeared — teaching us, that denying Ungodliness and worldly Lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly —

o Pass the Time of your sojourning here in Fear, forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible Things from your vain Conversation — but with the precious Blood of Christ.

p For so is the Will of God, that with well doing ye put to silence the Ignorance of foolish Men.

q Let your Light so shine before Men, that they may see your good Works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

r That they that believed in God, might be careful to maintain good Works: these Things are good and profitable unto Men.

s — Purify to himself a peculiar People, zealous of good Works.

t We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good Works.

* Without Faith, it is impossible to please him.

* How much more shall the Blood of Christ — purge your Consciences from dead Works, to serve the living God.

w The Spirit helpeth our Infirmities.

* For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do.

y Having therefore these Promises, let us cleanse ourselves from all Filthiness of Flesh and Spirit.

z Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God.

I. The Gospel is the good News of free Salvation to Sinners. *a*

a *Isaiab* lxi 1

It may be consider'd as, I. *Contrived*, II. *Carried on*, III. *Completed*.

* *Luke* iv 18

† *Eph* ii 5

The Gospel is I. *Contrived*.

I. In the eternal *Counsels* of God the Father, freely chusing some to Grace and Glory by Christ Jesus. *b*

b *Eph* i 4

* *1 Thes* v 9

† *Rom* xi 5 6

c *Zach* vi 13

† *Psal* lxxxix 28

II. In the everlasting *Covenant of Grace*, between the Father and the Son. *c*

The Gospel is II. *Carried on*.

I. In *Redemption* by Christ,

From, 1. The Guilt of Sin, *d*

d *Col* i 14

2. The Curse of the Law, *e*

e *Gal* iii 13

3. The Wrath of God, *f*

f *1 Thes* i 10

4. In-dwelling Corruption, *g*

g *Eph* v 26 27

5. The Power of Satan, *h*

h *Acts* xxvi 18

6. The Malice of the Wicked, *i*

i *Luke* i 71

7. The Evils of the World, *k*

k *Gal* i 4

8. The Power of Death, *l*

l *1 Cor* xv 26

9. The Pains of Hell. *m*

m *Rev* ii 11

Through, 1. His mysterious Incarnation, *n*

n *Luke* i 35

2. His spotless Nature, *o*

o *1 Pet* i 19

3. His perfect Obedience, *p*

p *Heb* v 8 9

4. His acceptable Sacrifice, *q*

q *Eph* v 2

5. His compleat Attonement, *r*

r *Heb* x 14

6. His bitter Death, *s*

s *Philip* ii 8

7. His powerful Resurrection, *t*

t *Rom* i 4

8. His triumphant Ascension, *u*

u *Eph* iv 8

9. His glorious Session, *w*

w *Heb* i 3

10. His prevailing Intercession, *x*

x *Heb* vii 25

11. His universal Government *y* of Providence and Grace, *z*

y *1 Cor* xv 27

z *Psal* cx 2 3

12. His final Judgment of all. *a*

a *2 Cor* v 10

- a The Lord hath annointed me to preach good Tidings to the Meek.
- * He hath annointed me to preach the Gospel to the Poor
- † By Grace ye are saved.
- b According as he hath chosen us in him, before the Foundation of the World; that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.
- * For God hath not appointed us to Wrath, but to obtain Salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ
- † There remains a Remnant according to the Election of Grace; and if by Grace, then it is no more of Works
- c The Counfel of Peace shall be between them both.
- † My Mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my Covenant shall stand fast with him.
- d In whom we have Redemption through his Blood, even the Remission of Sins.
- e Christ hath redeemed us from the Curse of the Law, being made a Curse for us.
- f — Jesus who delivered us from the Wrath to come
- g That he might sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of Water by the Word; that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having Spot or Wrinkle or any such Thing
- h To turn them from Darknes unto Light, from the Power of Satan unto God.
- i That we should be saved from our Enemies, and from the Hand of all that hate us.
- k Who gave himself for us, that he might deliver us from this present evil World,
- l For the last Enemy that shall be destroyed is Death.
- m He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second Death.
- n The Power of the highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
- o A Lamb without Blemish and without Spot
- p Though a Son, he learned Obedience, and being made perfect, became the Author of eternal Salvation unto all that obey him.
- q As Christ also hath loved us and given himself for us — a Sacrifice unto God for a sweet smelling Savour.
- r For by one Offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
- s He became obedient unto Death, even the Death of the Cross.
- t Declared to be the Son of God with Power, by his Resurrection from the Dead.
- u When he ascended up on high and led captivity captive.
- w He — sat down on the right Hand of the Majesty on high.
- x He is able to save to the uttermost — seeing he ever lives to make Intercession —
- y For he hath put all Things under his Feet,
- z The Lord shall send the Rod of thy Strength out of Sion, rule thou in the midst of thy Enemies. — Thy People shall be willing in the Day of thy Power.
- a For we must all appear before the Judgment-Seat of Christ.

The Gospel is also carried on

II. By the Publication of Grace —

I. In free Promises of

1. Pardon to the condemned, *a*
2. Justification to the ungodly, *b*
3. Adoption to Strangers, *c*
4. Sanctification to the impure, *d*
5. Perfection to the imperfect, *e*
6. Immortality to the mortal, *f*
7. The Sum of all which is, *g*
I will be their God and they shall be my People.

2. In wide Proclamations, *b*
3. Kind Invitations, *i*
4. Powerful Persuasions, *k*
5. Strong Protestations, *l*
6. Merciful Expostulations, *m*
7. Solemn Warnings *n* to all: *o* particularly
 1. to the impenitent for Conviction, *p*
 2. To the penitent for Comfort, *q*
 3. To the backsliding for Recovery. *r*

III. By the Operation of the Spirit,

1. Enlightening the Mind, *s*
2. Convincing the Conscience, *t*
3. Persuading the Will, *u*
4. Melting the Affections, *w*
5. Quickening to Holiness the whole Man, *x*
6. Enabling to persevere to the End. *y*

a *Isaiab* lv 7
b *Rom* iv 5
† *Isa* liii 11
c *Rom* ix 26
d *Ezek* xxxvi 25
e *Mat* xiii 43
f *John* xi 25
g *Jer* xxxi 33
h *Isaiab* lv 1
i *Isaiab* lv 1
** Mat* xi 28
k *2 Cor* v 20
l *Ezek* xxxiii 11
m *Ezek* xxxiii 11
n *Mark* xvi 16
o *Mark* xvi 15
p *Luke* xiii 3
q *Isa* lxi 1 2
r *Hosea* xiv 4
s *Eph* i 17 18
t *Acts* ii 37
u *Psal* cx 3
w *Zach* xii 10
x *Eph* ii 1
y *1 Pet* i 5

The Gospel is III. Complicated.

I. In the Resurrection and glorious Change of the Body at the last Day. *z*

II. In the blessed Vision of God in the heavenly World, *a* which will be

1. Perfectly clear, *b*
2. Intirely transforming, *c*
3. Eternally satisfying. *d*

z *1 Cor* xv 52
a *Mat* v 8
† *John* xvii 24
b *1 Cor* xiii 12
c *1 John* iii 2
d *Psal* xvii 15

- a* Let the wicked forsake his Way — and return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God for he will abundantly pardon.
- b* To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly.
- † By his knowledge shall my righteous Servant justify many, for he shall bear their Iniquities.
- c* In the Place where it is said ye are not my People, there shall they be called the Children of the living God.
- d* Then will I sprinkle clean Water upon you, and ye shall be clean, and from all your Filthiness will I cleanse you.
- e* Then shall the righteous shine forth as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father.
- f* He that believeth on me though he were dead yet shall he live. — Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.
- h* Ho, every one that thirsteth —
- i* Come ye to the Waters —
- * Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden —
- k* As though God did beseech you, we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God.
- l* As I live, saith the Lord, I have no Pleasure in the Death of the wicked, but that he turn from his Way and live.
- m* Why will ye die O House of Israel?
- n* He that believeth — shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned.
- o* Go ye into all the World and preach the Gospel to every Creature.
- p* Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
- q* He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted.
- r* I will heal their backslidings, I will love them freely.
- s* — Give unto you the Spirit of all Wisdom in the Knowledge of him, the Eyes of your Understanding being enlightened.
- t* And they were pricked in their Heart, and said — what shall we do?
- u* Thy People shall be willing in the Day of thy Power.
- w* — Look on him whom they have pierced and mourn.
- x* And you hath he quickened, who were dead in Trespasses and Sins.
- y* Who are kept by the Power of God through Faith unto Salvation.
- z* And the Dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- a* Blessed are the pure in Heart, for they shall see God.
- * Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my Glory.
- b* For now we see through a Glass darkly, but then Face to Face.
- c* We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
- d* I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy Likeness.

I. Some scripture Doctrines are so joined with the Gospel as to be inseparable from it, *viz.*

1. The Godhead of Christ, by whom it is procured. *a* a Rom ix 5
2. The Godhead of the Holy Spirit, by whom it is applied. *b* † John xx 28
b Acts v 3 4
3. Original Sin, from which it delivers. *c* c Psalm li 5
4. The Perfection of the Law, which it every where magnifies. *d* † Rom v 19
d Isa xlii 21

II. The Decrees of God, and the Covenant of Grace *unfold* the Salvation of his People in it's full Compass; so that

1. The Covenant of Grace is Salvation *enclosed*. *e* e Eph iii 9
2. Salvation, in the Gospel, is the Covenant *unfolded*. *f* f Col i 26
3. The Conversion of a Sinner is the Covenant *applied*. *g* † 2 Tim i 10
g Isaiah lv 3
4. The Glorification of a Saint is the Covenant *completed*. *h* h John vi 39

III. The saving Operations of Grace are

1. Perfectly free. *i* i Rom ix 15
2. Unsearchably deep. *k* † James i 18
k John iii 18
3. Omnipotently strong. *l* l Eph i 19 20
4. Eternal in Duration. *m* m Philip i 6

IV. The internal Glory of the Gospel is not to be seen without the special Grace of the Spirit, *n* for which we are

1. To seek diligently. *o* n 1 Cor ii 10 14
2. To pray constantly. *p* o Prov ii 4 5
3. To hope chearfully. *q* p Luke xviii 1
q James i 6
† Psalm cxlvii

V. All to whom the Gospel comes are bound to ask themselves *r* these three Questions seriously, *n*

- viz.*
1. What do I *know* of it's Excellency? *s* r Luke viii 18
† 2 Cor xiii 5
 2. What do I *feel* of it's Power? *t* s Hosea iv 6
t 1 Thes i 5
 3. How far do I *live* by it's Rules? *u* u 1 Eph iv 1
† Philip i 27

- a Who is over all, God blessed forever.
- † And Thomas said to him, my Lord and my God.
- b Why hath Satan filled your Hearts to lie unto the Holy Ghost? — Thou hast not lied unto Men but unto God.
- c Behold I was shapen in Iniquity, and in Sin did my Mother conceive me.
- † By one Man's Disobedience many were made Sinners.
- d He will magnify the Law and make it honourable.
- † Do we then make void the Law through Faith? God forbid, yea we establish the Law.
- e And to make all Men see what is the Fellowship of the Mystery which from the beginning hath been hid in God.
- f Even the Mystery — now manifest to his Saints —
- † And hath brought Life and Immortality to Light by the Gospel.
- g And I will make an everlasting Covenant with you, even the sure Mercies of David.
- b And this is the Father's Will, that of all that he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last Day.
- i I will have Mercy on whom I will have Mercy —
- † Of his own Will begat he us with the Word of Truth.
- k The Wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth, so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- l — And what is the exceeding Greatness of his Power to us ward that believe, according to the working of his mighty Power.
- m Being confident of this very Thing, that he that hath begun a good Work in you, will perform it until the Day of Christ.
- n But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit. — The natural Man receiveth not the Things of the Spirit, for they are Foolishness to him, neither can he know them.
- o If thou seekest for her as Silver and searchest for her as for her as for hid Treasure — then shalt thou understand the Fear of the Lord.
- p Men ought always to pray and not to faint.
- q But let him ask in Faith, nothing wavering.
- † The Lord taketh Pleasure in them — that hope in his Mercy.
- r Take heed therefore how ye hear.
- † Examine yourselves whether ye be in the Faith.
- s My People are destroyed for lack of Knowledge: because thou hast rejected Knowledge I will reject thee.
- t For our Gospel came not unto you in Word only, but in Power.
- u Walk worthy of the Vocation wherewith ye are called.
- † Only let your Conversation be as becometh the Gospel of Christ.

VI. Those who die impenitent and unbelieving under the Gospel will have

1. A Guilt most aggravated. *a* *a* Heb x 28 29
2. A Condemnation most certain. *b* *b* John iii 18
3. A Punishment most fearful. *c* *c* Mat x 15

VII. But the most notorious Sinners when awakened, are by the Gospel absolutely torrid to despair of Salvation; *d* for

1. The *Sacrifice* of Christ is sufficient to remove the Guilt of all Sin. *e* *e* 1 John i 7
2. The *Grace* of Christ is sufficient to cleanse from the Filth of all Sin. *f* *f* Heb ix 14
f Zach xiii 1
3. The *Righteousness* of Christ is sufficient to recommend to the divine Acceptance all who believe. *g* *g* Acts xiii 39
† Rom iii 22

For the more profitable reading and hearing of the Word, observe,

I. That the general Scope of the Scripture, is

1. To humble the Pride of fallen Man. *h* *h* 1 Cor i 19 29
2. To exalt the Grace of God in his Salvation. *i* *i* Eph ii 8
3. To promote real Holiness in Heart & Life. *k* *†* Tit iii 5

II. Every Doctrine contrary to those Ends is false. *l* *k* 1 Thes iv 7
l Isa viii 20

III. Make the Scripture its own Interpreter, by comparing one Text with another. *m* *m* 1 Cor ii 13

IV. For every Doctrine you receive seek a scripture Proof. *n* *n* Acts xvii 11

V. For the Ground of your Petition in Prayer, seek a scripture Promise. *o* *o* John xiv 14

VI. Labour to reduce all your Knowledge to an holy Practice. *p* *†* Ps cxix 49
p James i 22

VII. In all your Enquiries and Duties, seek for and depend on the Influences of the holy Spirit. *q* *q* John xvi 13
† 1 Cor ii 10

a He that despised Moses's Law died without Mercy. — Of how much sorer Punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under Foot the Son of God, and hath counted the Blood of the Covenant — an unholy Thing, and done Despire to the Spirit of Grace?

b — But he that believeth not is condemned already.

c It shall be more tollerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that City.

† When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven in flaming Fire, taking Vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not his Gospel.

d — Sirs, what must I do to be saved? — Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

e The Blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all Sin.

† How much more shall the Blood of Christ — purge your Consciences from dead Works.

f There shall be a Fountain opened — for Sin and for Uncleanness.

g And by him all that believe are justified from all Things.

† The Righteousness of God which is by Faith of Jesus Christ, unto all, and upon all them that believe, for there is no Difference.

b I will destroy the Wisdom of the Wise, that no Flesh should glory in his Presence.

i By Grace ye are saved through Faith, and that not of yourselves.

† Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to his Mercy he saved us.

k God hath not called us unto Uncleanness, but unto Holiness.

l To the Law and to the Testimony, if they speak not according to this Word, it is because they have no Light in them.

m Comparing spiritual Things with spiritual.

n And searched the Scriptures daily whether these Things were so.

o If ye shall ask any Thing in my Name I will do it.

† Remember the Word unto thy Servant on which thou hast caused me to hope.

p Be ye Doers of the Word, and not Hearers only.

q When the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all Truth.

† But God hath revealed them to us by his holy Spirit.



THE

LORD'S PRAYER,

In a Method partly borrow'd from *Bernard's Thesaurus Biblicus*, with scripture Illustrations.



I. ADORATION.

Our Father,

By Right of Creation,

By bountiful Provision,

By gracious Adoption.

Who art in Heaven,

The Throne of thy Glory,

The Portion of thy Children,

The Temple of thy Angels,

Isa. lxxiii 16. Thou O Lord art our Father.

Mal. ii 10. Have we not all one Father? hath not God created us?

Pf. cxlv 16. Thou satisfiest the Desire of every living Thing.

Rom. ix 26. They be called the Children of the living God.

1 Kings viii 43. Hear thou in Heaven thy dwelling Place.

Isa. lxvi 1. Heaven is my Throne.

1 Pet. i 4. An Inheritance reserved in Heaven for you.

Isa. vi 1. His Train filled the Temple.

II. PETITIONS.

1. *Hallowed be thy Name,*

By the Thoughts of our Hearts,

By the Words of our Lips,

By the Work of our Hands.

Pfal. cxv 1. Not unto us but unto thy Name give Glory.

Pfal. lxxxvi 11. Unite my Heart to fear thy Name.

Pfal. li 15. And my Mouth shall shew forth thy Praise.

1 Cor. x 31. Whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God.

Psal. cx 2. Rule thou in the midst of thy Enemies.

Pfal. xvii 8. Hide me under the Shadow of thy Wings.

2. *Thy Kingdom come,*

Of Providence to defend us,

Of

Of Grace to refine us,

Of Glory to crown us.

5. *Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.*

Towards us without Resistance,

By us, without Compulsion,

Universally, without Exception,

Eternally, without Declension.

4. *Give us this Day our daily Bread,*

Of Necessity for our Bodies,

Of eternal Life for our Souls.

5. *And forgive us our Trespases,*

Against the Commands of thy Law.

Against the Grace of thy Gospel.

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

By defaming our Characters,

By embezzling our Property,

1 *Thes. v 23.* The very God of Peace sanctify you wholly.

Col. iii 4. Then shall ye also appear with him in Glory.

Acts xxi 14. The Will of the Lord be done.

1 *Sam. iii 18.* It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good.

Psal. cxix 36. Incline my Heart to thy Testimonies.

Luke xi 6. Walking in all the Commandments of the Lord blameless.

Psal. cxix 93. I will never forget thy Precepts.

Prov. xxx 8. Give me neither Poverty nor Riches, feed me with Food convenient for me.

Psal. xxxiv 9. There is no want to them that fear him.

John vi 34. Lord, evermore give us this Bread.

Psal. xxv 11. For thy Name's Sake, O Lord, pardon mine Iniquity, for it is great.

1 *John iii 4.* Whosoever committeth Sin transgresseth also the Law.

1 *Tim. i 3.* A Blasphemer and a Persecutor but I obtain'd Mercy.

Mat. vi 15. If ye forgive not Men their Trespases, neither will your Father forgive your Trespases.

Mat. v 11. When Men say all manner of Evil against you falsely.

Philemon i 18. If he hath wronged thee ought, put that on my Account.

By

APPENDIX

By abusing our Persons.

6. *And lead us not into Temptation,
but deliver us from Evil.*

Of over-whelming Afflic-
tions,

Of worldly Enticements,

Of Satan's Devices,

Of Error's Seduction,

Of sinful Affections,

III. BLESSING.

*For thine is the Kingdom, and the
Power and the Glory, for ever,*

Thy Kingdom governs all,

Thy Power subdues all,

Thy Glory is above all.

IV. CONCLUSION.

Amen.

As it is in thy Purposes,

So it is in thy Promises,

So be it in our Prayers,

So it shall be to thy Praise.

Acts vi 60. Lay not this Sin
to their Charge.

Mat. xxvi 41. Watch and
pray that ye enter not into
Temptation.

Psal. cxxx 1. Out of the
Depths have I cried unto thee.

1 John ii 15. Love not the
World, nor the Things that
are in the World.

1 Tim iii 7. Lest he fall into
the Snare of the Devil.

1 Tim. vi 10. They have
err'd from the Faith.

Rom i 26. For this Cause God
gave them up to vile Affections.

Jude 25. To the only wise
God be Glory, Dominion, and
Power.

Psal. ciii 19. His Kingdom
ruleth over all.

Philip. iii 20. Able to sub-
due all Things to himself.

Psal. cxlviii 13. His Glory
is above the Earth and the
Heaven.

Ephes. i 11. Worketh all
Things after the Counsel of his
own Will.

2 Cor. i 20. All the Promises
in him are yea and Amen.

Rev. xxii 20. Even so come
Lord Jesus.

Rev. xix 4. Amen, Alleluia!

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